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In re the application of)	Examiner: W. Lewis
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Inventors: Lilip Lau, William M. Hartigan)	Art Unit 3734
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Serial Number: 09/312,367)	
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants submit for the Examiner's consideration the attached PTO Form FB A-820. A copy of the listed reference also is enclosed.

This application is a divisional of U. S. Serial No. 09/136,982 filed August 20, 1998, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/119,344 filed July 20, 1998, which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/630,528, which issued at U.S. Patent No. 5,782,855 on July 21, 1998, which was a divisional application

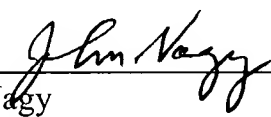
of U.S. Serial No. 08/085,959, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,507,768 on April 16, 1996, which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 07/647,464 filed January 28, 1991, now abandoned.

The reference was cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in respect of a counterpart foreign application in a Search Report. The communication is dated November 24, 2000, less than three months prior to the date of filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The reference is in the Japanese language and no English-language translation of the reference currently is within the possession, custody or control of, or readily available to, any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). Applicants ask the Examiner to consider this reference in examining the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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